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Barron's SAT Vocabulary Flash Cards, 2nd Edition: 500 Flash Cards To Help You Achieve A Higher Score



Synopsis

Barron's SAT Vocabulary Flash Cards is a test prep tool that presents 500 SAT high-frequency words, selected because they have appeared as key words in recent SAT reading passages and critical reading questions. Cards are alphabetically arranged in the box, with an extra place-marker card that students can use to gauge their word-learning progress. This vocabulary building flash card set enables SAT test takers to review words they might already know, as well as to master unfamiliar words they are likely to encounter both on the SAT and in their college courses. The front of each card lists the target word along with a guide to its pronunciation and its part of speech. The card's reverse side presents the word's definition, uses it in a sentence, and lists synonyms. Students who master all 500 words will find enclosed instructions for making their own flash cards and continuing to expand their vocabularies. Flash cards in this set each have a small punch-hole in the one corner. It accommodates an enclosed metal ring that students can use to arrange select cards for study on the go.

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Customer Reviews

Thus far this is a very good set of cards to improve vocabulary. The cards come with a ring so you can add cards to the ring or use the ring to carry current set you are working on. ONLY drawback but not major, I would have a thicker card deck or laminate them but the cost would be more expensive. You have to use the SAT cards to make them work for you. We do 10 a week that's just over a year. But I will probably do 40 in 1 month total then spend a week going over the ones that

need more study time. I also think writing a paper using the words will help stick them in the memory bank. And I also store them in Evernote (I prefer that over OneNote) so I can just pull them up and go over them at random. Mind you this is for my son he's 14 now. Yes it's early but how else does one build a vocabulary?

The flash cards do an excellent job of including high frequency words from the SAT and the level of difficulty is appropriate for students of all levels. I recommend this product to nearly all my SAT students, with the exceptions being those who are already scoring 750+ on critical reading and those who have less than a month to prepare. It is a huge time-saver and improving one's vocabulary is crucial towards one's critical reading score. What separates this from a similar product that I used to recommend, Princeton Review's 500 SAT vocab flash cards, are the quality and rigor of the synonyms for each of the 500 words, which are significantly more in depth than the PR flash cards; the Barron's flash cards usually have 2-4 good synonyms to study whereas the PR cards have 1-2. Thus, studying the entire set of words exposes one to 1500-2000 words in total. I also think the definitions are slightly better than those on the PR flash cards. My only suggestion would be to take a page from PR and include 50 blank cards for students to make additional flash cards.

I bought this product as a gift for one of my administrative assistants who is intelligent and loves to learn, but whose vocabulary is shockingly (given her intellect) poor. I randomly pulled 30-40 cards to evaluate the deck before delivering the gift. (Unfortunately I didn't see any unfamiliar words, but my assistant told me that she didn't know most of the words on the cards she had pulled.) Overall, I was very impressed by the product. The front of the card has a word and, below that, a phonetic pronunciation guide (as opposed to pronunciation symbols found in dictionaries, which are very confusing to the uninitiated). The definition and example sentence on the back of the card are plain-language and practical, which makes them easier to understand and remember than a stereotypical dictionary definition and example. There are also synonyms on the back of the card, which can help with comprehension of the word's meaning. The only criticism I could make is that the cards typically only have one definition of a word. This is intentional, I'm sure, due to both (a) the limited space on the card and (b) the desire to make the definition as simple (and therefore memorable) as possible. So, it's really not a bad thing. Some of the cards appeared (to me) to have a common secondary definition of the word rather than the word's primary definition; I presume this is because the related SAT questions call for the secondary definition of such words. A vocabulary snob might also (correctly) note that the definitions lack some detail and therefore fail to describe

the nuance of the meaning of some words. That's okay, too, as this is a teaching tool for beginners (if you want a complicated, comprehensive definition, look the word up in the dictionary--not on a flashcard!). I think this product is excellent. The value for the price is unbeatable. Each card I pulled was a word everyone should know. I would highly recommend this for gifted children 8+, all children 12+, everyone studying for the SAT, and any adult who simply wants to expand their vocabulary.

Great product. Comes with a little ring to hold the cards. I use it for holding words alphabetically and replacing it with the consecutive alphabet after I am done reading the previous one which makes it very portable. My SATs are in May and I will update this with my score. Hope this helps

I am using these flash cards with my 16 year old son. We try to review some flash cards for about 15 minutes four or five days a week. The cards are really handy. The definitions are clear and concise. The example sentences are very helpful as well to understand and remember the meaning of the word. The material that the cards are made out of is a little thin, but not too bad. The cards are numbered, which is really handy in tracking which ones have been reviewed, and which ones you may need to go back and review more. Overall, I have no complaints with the cards. The only thing that we will have to wait and see is if there will be a high percentage of these 500 words on the SAT or PSAT or not. Hopefully, they have selected the most common words, and a good percentage of them will be on the test.

I bought these for my daughter to prepare for both the SAT and the ACT. They are very convenient and come with a silver ring for toting around with her. I have to admit, some of the words in here I've never even used but yes, I've heard them before. Anyway, I would take 30 words at random and she'd have a week to review them and learn them. At the end of the week I would test her on them. I kept an Excel sheet with the words she'd already reviewed. There's a divider tab in the box that you can easily put the cards that's been reviewed in the front and you can pick out more for the next week. This is just the way I've done it - there may be other ways. But, I definitely think it's worth the price. SAT scores are due this Friday; can't wait to see if these helped!!!! Nonetheless, she's learning some intelligent words to use as an adult!

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